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NEWSLETTER



September Fun Fact: September 3rd is Circulation Assistant Isabelle's one year anniversary with LRPL!

LIBRARY HOURS

MON: 9AM-6PM

TUE: 9AM-6PM

WED: 9AM-6PM

THU: 9AM-7PM

FRI: 9AM-6PM

SAT: 10AM-3PM

SUN: CLOSED

ABOUT LAKE REGION PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Lake Region Public Library's mission is to enrich our citizens and communities through expanding access to innovation, information, and inspiration.

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SAVE THE DATE:

Fall Book Sale Coming Soon!



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FALL BOOK SALE



FALL BOOK
SALE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH:

9AM-6PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH:

10AM-3PM



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Meet the new Library Director: Shawna Middleton



Hi! My name is Shawna Middleton. I grew up and graduated from Hastings, MN. Afterward, I attended the University of Wisconsin River-Falls where I obtained my Bachelor's in Science for Health and Human Performance; then my Master's in Science – Clinical Exercise Physiology. For the last nine years I had a successful career managing various teams and locations for a wireless company. Although I had received my degrees in very different areas, I was doing something I enjoyed. With the different locations and teams I have had the pleasure of being a part of, I have most enjoyed coaching individuals and watching each person grow, as well as striving towards being an influential and supportive resource for every teammate's career.

In 2023 I decided to shift my focus from my career to building my family. I had my son Charlie in January of 2024, then a few months later we moved to North Dakota. Ending a successful and fulfilling career was not the easiest decision, however I would not change one thing because I am now able to focus on my family and have a greater work-life balance. I have an amazing, beautiful family consisting of an unwaveringly supportive partner and three great kids.

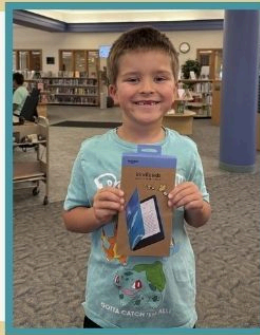
August 2025 was my first month as the Director for Lake Region Public Library. With this new role I will continue to strive towards being an influential and supportive resource to all staff and patrons. I am very excited to be given this opportunity to grow the library's programs and services for Devils Lake and the surrounding communities. The library has a great staff and wonderful patrons, and I thank you all for being so welcoming!



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**Congrats to
Caysen &
Channing!
Our Summer
Reading Grand
Prize Winners!**

TRAVELING STORYTIME

Each week we offer two opportunities to attend storytime at the library. I understand that this doesn't work with everyone's schedule. With a new school year underway, the library is excited to partner with local daycares and schools through Traveling Storytime!

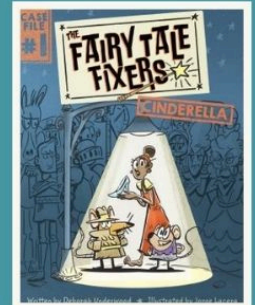
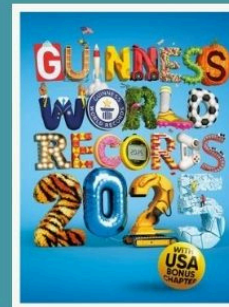
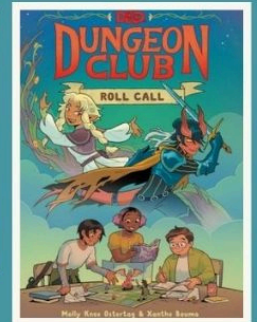
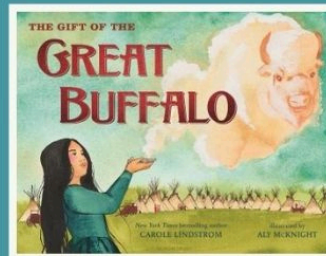
I'll bring engaging books, and all the materials needed for a craft or activity right to your classroom! This was a highlight of my school year last year, and I am so excited to get started again!

If your daycare or classroom would like to schedule a visit from me, give the library a call, email me, or stop in!

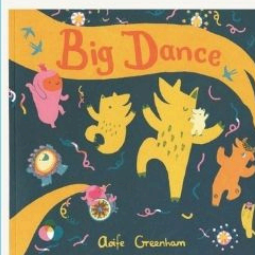


NEW BOOKS!

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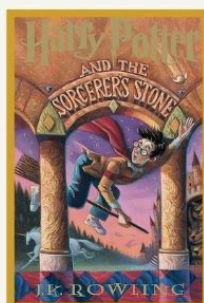


STEP INTO OUR LATEST STORY!



We have updated our Storywalk with "Big Dance" by Aoife Greenham. I want to extend a big thanks to St. Joseph's Catholic School for laminating our pages for us. Our story couldn't happen without you!

RECOMMENDED BY
LibraryKIDS
ELLERY



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Librarian's Book Buzz



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TRISTA'S TEA

The kids are back in school, the weather is cooling, and we're gearing up for fall at LRPL! September is Library Card Sign-up Month and we're celebrating by giving away some gift cards! Read below for details, then check-out the next page for our New Release Spotlight, Recent Highlights, and past September favorites From the Stacks.

In the library you'll see a refresh on the Hidden Gems display featuring our favorites pulled from the bottom shelves. As always we have brand new staff picks ready and waiting, along with some new patron picks! Keep strolling along the stacks to see September's new displays; "How the West Was Read", "True Crime", "I don't remember the title, but the cover was orange", and "Fall Into A Good Book". We've got lots of great books coming your way this month, so be sure to stop in a check them out!

Happy Autumn!

-Trista

P.S. Book Club is back! Our first fall book club discussion will be held on September 4th and is for August's book "The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend" - all are welcome! September's book club pick will be "The Missing Piece" by Sophie Littlefield. Copies are available at the circulation desk - sign one out today!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

1

**Library Closed for
Labor Day**

4

**Book Club Discussion:
The Readers of Broken
Wheel Recommend**

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**Technology
Tuesday**

27

**Craft &
Chat**



LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month and we're celebrating with discounts and incentives!

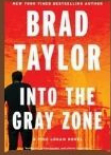
- From September 1st through September 30th all Non-Resident library card fees will be 50% off!
- Every person who signs up for a library card during the month of September will be entered into a drawing to win one of two \$25 Visa Gift cards!!
- Refer a friend to get a library card - if they mention your name while signing up, your name goes into the drawing too!!!

Don't miss out - Sign up today!

Into the Gray Zone

by Brad Thor

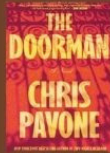
Released: 04/22/25



The Doorman

by Chris Pavone

Released: 05/20/25



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Ghostwriter

by Julie Clark

Released: 06/03/25



Not Part of the Plan

by Lucy Score

Released: 07/08/25

The Cruel Dawn

by Rachel Howzell Hall

Released: 08/19/25

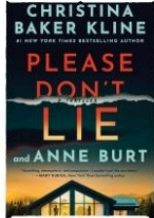


Please Don't Lie

by Christina Kline Baker

Release Date:

9/01/25



In "Please Don't Lie" Hayley Stone's sanctuary in a remote Adirondack town quickly becomes a trap as her new husband grows distant, a neighbor offers vague warnings, and the surrounding landscape intensifies her sense of isolation and fear, leading her to uncover dangerous secrets and question the reality of everyone around her.

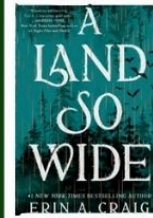


A Land So Wide

by Erin A. Craig

Release Date:

9/02/25



In "A Land So Wide", a young mapmaker named Greer Mackenzie is trapped inside the secluded, curse-bound village of Mistaken. When her fiancé is cast out into the monster-filled wilderness, Greer must embark on a dangerous quest to rescue him, defying her village's secrets and uncovering truths about her own origins.

Play Nice

by Rachel Harrison

Release Date:

9/09/25



After the sudden death of her mother Alex, fashion influencer Clio returns to her childhood home to fix it up for sale; a house Alex claimed was possessed by a demon. As Clio digs into her mother's past, a sinister presence emerges, forcing her to confront suppressed memories and questioning the nature of reality itself.



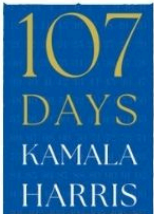
NEW RELEASE SPOTLIGHT

107 Days

by Kamala Harris

Release Date:

9/23/25



"107 Days" is a behind-the-scenes look at the period between July 21, 2024, when President Joe Biden announced he would not seek reelection, and Election Day on November 5, 2024. This rapid succession of events led to Harris conducting the shortest presidential campaign in modern history.

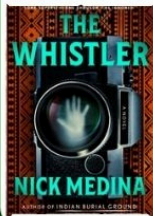


The Whistler

by Nick Medina

Release Date:

9/16/25



After a ghost-hunting accident leaves Henry Hotard paralyzed, he returns to his reservation and begins experiencing terrifying visions tied to a Native superstition, forcing him to confront buried trauma and the consequences of breaking sacred taboos.

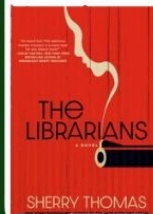


The Librarians

by Sherry Thomas

Release Date:

9/30/25



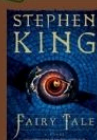
When two patrons die after a themed game night, four Austin librarians—each guarding painful secrets—must overcome mistrust and unite to protect their beloved library, unraveling a mystery that threatens the refuge they've built and the fragile peace they've found.



Slewfoot

by Brom

Released: 09/14/2021



Fairy Tale

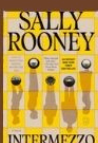
by Stephen King

Released: 09/06/2022

Hemlock Island

by Kelley Armstrong

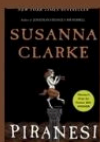
Released: 09/12/2023



Intermezzo

by Sally Rooney

Released: 09/23/2025



Piranesi

by Susanna Clarke

Released: 09/15/2020

FROM THE STACKS

September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 10:00am- Community Options 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	4 11:00am- Preschool Storytime	5	6
7	8	9 1:00 - 5:00pm - Technology Tuesday	10 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	11 11:00am - Preschool Storytime	12 3:30pm - Movie: Holes	13
14	15 11:00am- Job Service 6:00pm - Teen Bingo	16	17 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	18 11:00am - Preschool Storytime	19	20
21	22	23	24 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	25 11:00am - Preschool Storytime	26	27 11:00am - Saturday Storytime 1:00pm - Craft & Chat
28	29	30				

Monthly Programs

Preschool Storytime: Recommended ages 3-5 with a responsible adult present. Books, crafts, games, and friendship!

Sensory Storytime: A less structured Storytime, where participants are encouraged to play and be active while listening!

Book Club: Join LRPL staff on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm to discuss the previous month's book pick! Even if you have read the book outside of the month of Book Club, stop by for a community discussion!

Technology Tuesdays: Need a little extra help with a phone, laptop, or other technology? Drop by between 1:00-5:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for assistance!

Community Options: On the first Wednesday of the month, representatives from Community Options will be in the Community Room for a walk-in assistance basis. Simply drop by!

Job Service: On the third Monday of the month, representatives from Job Service will be in the Community Room for a walk-in assistance basis. Simply drop by!

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BOOK CLUB

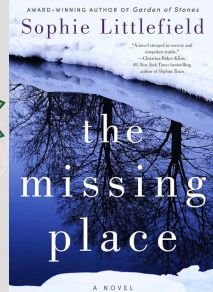
SEPTEMBER'S PICK:

The Missing Place
by Sophie Littlefield

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION:
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 9TH
7:00 P.M.

SIGN OUT A COPY TODAY!

LAKE REGION PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



THIS MONTH

After-Hours LAKE REGION public library

Teen Bookish BINGO Night

Teens are invited to join us for a special After-Hours Bingo Night in the Community Room. Hang out with friends and win bookish prizes - books, bookmarks, gift cards, and more!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
6-7 PM
Ages 12-18

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!
Want some company while you create?

LET'S CRAFT TOGETHER!

Saturday, September 27th @ 1:00 p.m.
LRPL Community Room

Craft & Chat

Work on your projects while sharing ideas and stories with fellow crafters!

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MONTHLY MOVIE

HOLES

RATED PG

Friday, Sept 12th
3:30 PM (Runtime of 1 hour 57 minutes)
LRPL Community Room

Popcorn will be provided, please bring a drink and a friend!

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September Storytime
Thursdays @ 11:00 AM

- September 4th "Thunder Trucks" Activity: Book Bingo!
- September 11th "Moose on the Loose" Craft: Trace your hand moose antler
- September 18th "A Unicorn Named Sparkle" Craft: Animal masks
- September 25th "Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Library" Craft: Popsicle stick dragon puppet

Each session of weekly Storytime includes a read-aloud, a hands-on craft, and/or interactive activity to spark creativity and learning. Perfect for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers! All are Welcome!

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LAKE REGION BOOK CLUB

AUGUST BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
7:00 P.M.

LAKE REGION PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

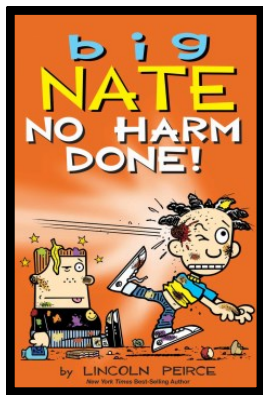
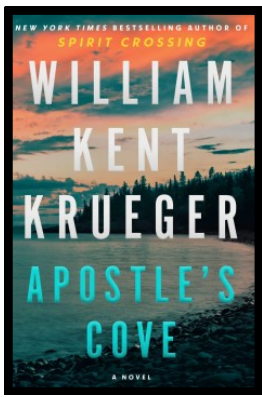
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Saturday Storytime

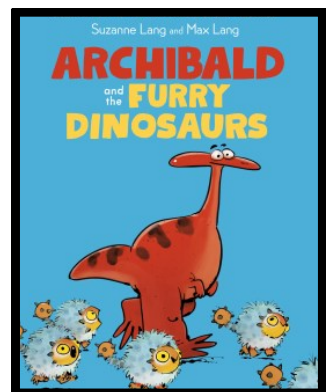
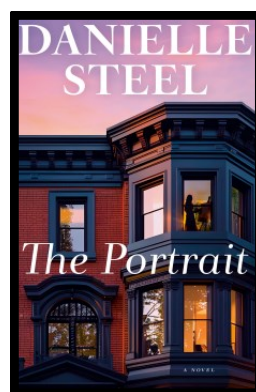
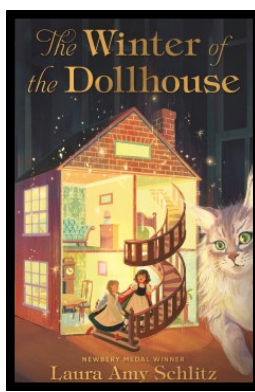
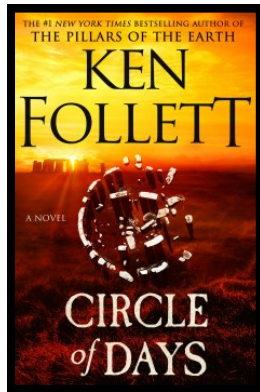
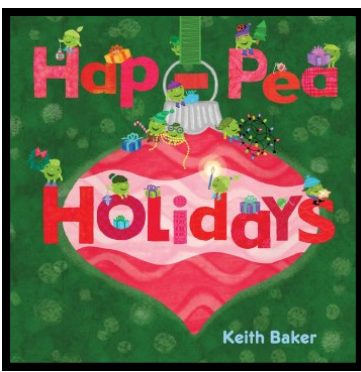
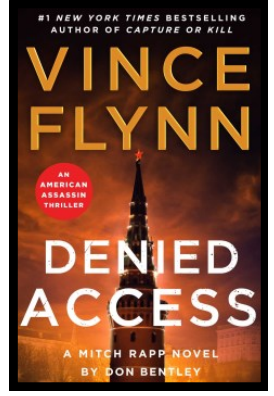
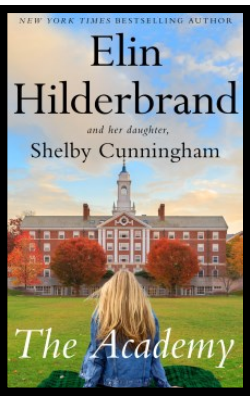
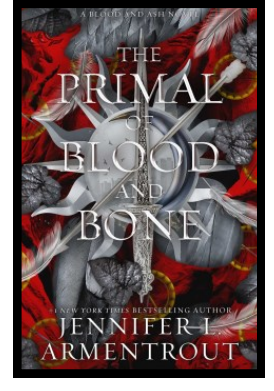
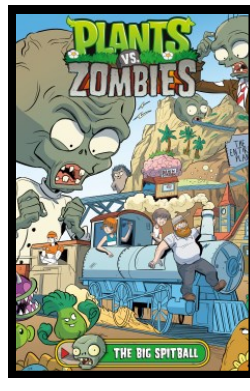
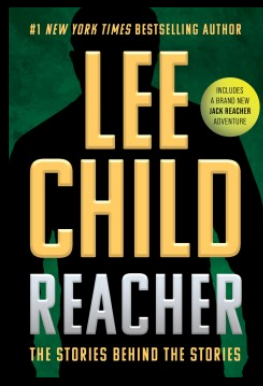
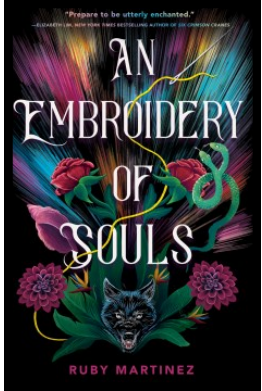
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH @ 11 AM

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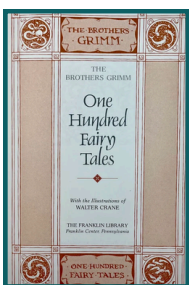
"THE LEAF THIEF"
BY ALICE HEMMING
CRAFT: LEAFY SQUIRREL TAILS



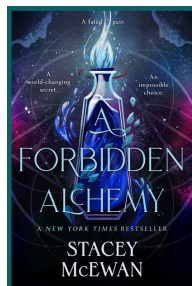
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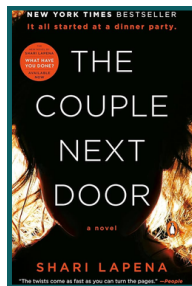
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